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## ROOSEVELT'S ENDORSEMENT.

Washington, April 14.—The following official statement was made at the White House today: "The President after most careful investigation and hearing as many men as possible, and hearing from others, has come to the conclusion that Governor Dole's course has been such as to warrant his continuance as Governor of Hawaii and entitled him to the respect and hearty support of the Administration."

When Grover Cleveland attempted to restore Queen Liliuokalani to the throne in Hawaii, he was charged by the Republican party and members of his own party with pursuing a course antagonistic to American principles and destructive of American progress in the then independent nation of Hawaii.

Theodore Roosevelt as President of the United States and head of the Republican party, has, by his unqualified endorsement of Governor Dole's policy in the Hawaiian Territory, put himself on record as supporting an administrative course as foreign to well-recognized American principle and Republican principle in an American Territory, as was the action of Cleveland from the American standpoint toward a former independent government.

Theodore Roosevelt has by his action as President, in this Hawaiian matter, made good every imperialistic accusation ever brought against the Republican party. He has endorsed and pledged his "respect and hearty support" to oligarchical principles of administration, as opposed to the guiding sentiment which has hitherto controlled the destinies of the American Republic since the Civil War. He has repudiated in no uncertain terms his declaration made in his first message to Congress, when he said the national aim in Hawaii should be to develop the Territory on "traditional American lines."

Theodore Roosevelt has endorsed factionalism; he has repudiated political peace; he has endorsed dictatorial rule of the people by officials; he has repudiated steadfast recognition of popular rights as taught and upheld in every American State, and Territory as well, except it be the "new possessions."

Theodore Roosevelt has exercised his unquestioned official prerogative. It remains to be seen whether his party or the people will endorse such a complete overthrow of American teachings which come down to the citizens of the present day bathed in the blood of men who fought not for power, not for office, but for principle, for liberty and liberal principles of government.

## HILO'S PROGRESS.

The people of our sister city, Hilo, are gradually emancipating themselves, as they call it, from our local merchants. The transportation line just established, which gives them a seven-day service with San Francisco, is a powerful aid to their efforts in establishing their independence. While Honolulu wholesale merchants realize a decided falling off in their shipments to the big island, they cannot help but admire the pluck and energy of the Hiloites in securing direct steam communication with the mainland. Considering the new condition in the abstract, Honolulu business appears to suffer some, but taking the broad view of it—that what is good for Hilo is good for the whole Territory—Honolulu will lose nothing in the end. Indeed, it would be well if every port in the Islands could support a steamship line with the mainland, for the capital city is so situated that its importance must rise in

proportion to the increase of wealth of the other Islands. All the inhabitants of Hilo are not politicians. There are some far-sighted capitalists over there who, besides being loyal to their city, are alive to the main chance, and are holding pretty stiff values on their landed property. Hilo people know there is just as bright a future for Hilo as for Honolulu. They will get Congress to build a harbor for them next, and then their visits to Honolulu will only occur when they are summoned on Federal juries, when they want to get out of the wet.—Paradise of the Pacific.

## GENERAL FARMING.

The organization of a Farmers Institute of Olaa with over fifty members proves that diversified farming in Hawaii has a footing and following that bespeaks a promising future. Upon this Island there is a field for the building up of diversified industry and it is flattering to find so many men interested both in extending their own opportunities and in promulgating Hawaii's advantages to others.

The Department of Agriculture holds that the development of other crops in Hawaii is in no sense antagonistic to the sugar industry. The Department also recognizes that sugar in Hawaii, is on a footing which requires no aid. It is a developed industry. In the effort to establish and promote other agricultural production, the department is, therefore only acting along the simplest lines conducive to the general welfare.

The farmers of Olaa are to be congratulated upon their prompt and cordial welcome to the assistance extended by one of the great departments of the government at Washington. The work that Director J. G. Smith is doing in these islands is being watched closely by the President and by the members of his cabinet. If the seed sown by him is cared for with diligence by the farmers of Hawaii, the harvest will be great.

## GREAT SALT LAKE GOING DRY?

The decline in the surface of Great Salt Lake is causing apprehension among the people of Utah. This interesting body of water has been sinking for a number of years, but the causes of its decline are not well understood. It is thought by some that the lake is subject to cycles of change which correspond to like cycles of years of heavy and light rainfall, and that it is now undergoing one of its low water periods, from which it will soon revive. The movement in the waters has also been thought to be related to the development of agriculture and grazing interests, which divert large quantities of water from the streams which feed the lake for use upon the land. During past years cutting of the timber on the neighboring mountains has been unusually heavy, practically destroying the forest protection of the headwaters of a number of streams whose waters flow into the lake. The cutting of these forests is supposed to have injured the flow of the streams and thus to have affected the lake level.

## PREPARE FOR WORK.

The Republicans in this district should get themselves in readiness for the campaign that is approaching. The call is for a harmonious organization for the fight which is to come later. The Republicans of the Fourth District in Honolulu have set the pace that wins.

It is incumbent on the party officials on this island and in this city to start the ball rolling right. They can do this by sounding the popular will as to candidates by avoiding disagreements among themselves and by working hard. The Tribune will help the good work along any line indicated by the majority.

The first test of fuel oil for sugar plantation locomotives has been made at the Ewa Plantation. It promises to be entirely successful.

## WAR REVENUE REPEAL ACT.

The President has signed the war revenue repeal act. The measure wipes out all of the Spanish-American war taxes, with the exception of the tax on mixed flour, which is spoken of as a rider to the original act and had nothing whatever to do with the war revenue. The general repeal of the war taxes will go into effect on July 1st next, at which time the Spanish-American war tax will no longer be added to the general burdens of taxation. The only part of the tax not repealed at that time is the tax on tea, which will remain in force for six months longer to enable dealers to dispose of their stocks.

At the last meeting of the Board of Health at Honolulu a letter was read from Surgeon General Wyman of the United States Hospital Marine Corps stating that there is no federal epidemic fund available for cleansing cities. This was in response to a request made by Honolulu for governmental assistance in making that city sanitary.

THE TRIBUNE publishes a long article in this issue from a contributor who takes issue with the religious tenets laid down by Rev. J. A. Cruzan in a recent sermon. This article is of value in as much as it definitely sets forth some of the fundamental articles of faith which were current years ago and to which the majority of protestantism still adheres.

SCANDALS concerning the inhuman conduct of soldiers are disturbing both Russia and the United States. No war occurs without this phase. It may be taken for granted that war will never cause men to deport themselves as lambs or doves.

REV. SAMUEL KRELL of Lacona, Iowa, committed suicide because so few went to hear him preach. If his example is contagious the clerical ranks will be rapidly depleted.

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THE big Island of Hawaii should be represented properly at the St. Louis Worlds Fair.

## Many Visitors.

The following guests were registered at the Hilo Hotel during the month of April:

J. Hastings Howland, R. R. Elgin, G. Ross and wife, A. C. Palfrey, C. M. Lennon, G. Gill, G. W. Hackley, A. Gantley, W. R. Skimer, Mrs. Waldron, C. M. Ramsey, wife and 3 children, T. C. Howell, J. D. Ryan, A. H. Stewart, J. W. Hasmer and wife, G. B. Champlain, Miss F. Champlain, Miss Mattee Porter, W. H. Layson, C. W. James, W. H. Syren, Miss L. Wilhelm, Dr. St. G. Walters, W. Berlowitz, W. G. Schmidt, L. O. Howarth, H. A. Kleuech, J. I. Combs, W. Hay, D. Mahoney, H. L. Ross, W. H. C. Campbell, Capt. W. Matson, Mrs. W. Matson, Miss Lurline Matson, C. A. Gibson and wife, Master Gibson, Capt. J. Gibson, Mrs. A. F. Morrison, Miss Gertrude Campbell, Capt. F. C. Miller, P. E. Hotchkiss and wife, the Misses Hotchkiss, E. Hotchkiss, H. L. Williams, Miss C. B. Scripps, Miss V. Scripps, C. A. Burns, H. H. Seovel, Clarence Robinson, S. Parker Jr., C. A. Austin and son, H. Beckley, Mrs. T. J. Higgins, J. K. Dillon, A. D. Lindsay, F. Medcalf, R. W. Hamilton, C. D. Thorpe, G. H. Gere, A. M. Brown and wife, J. Pinrock, Miss A. Bates, W. H. Right and wife, J. G. Smith, Miss J. Smith, A. R. Hancock and wife, R. Lucas, Mrs. G. H. Gere, C. H. Kluegal, K. L. Auerbach, J. I. Robertson, J. J. Clay, J. M. Smith, W. H. Andrews, Van Bucholy, J. P. Lino, W. G. Walker, A. F. Morrison, J. A. Buck, Dr. F. Irwin, Dr. J. J. Grace, W. S. Maderia, J. M. Oat, R. A. Scott, Valet, A. Turner, W. M. McQuaid, J. W. Bergstrom, A. A. Braxner, H. Johnson, G. F. Albright, C. A. Breed and wife, A. F. Scheedaker, C. S. Smith, J. Holland, J. R. Helm, W. E. Dercreaux, A. R. Dowe, J. H. Margane, W. H. Smith, E. C. Brown, G. Belle, W. H. Lambert and wife, Mrs. Clark.

## Koebele After Moss.

Prof. Koebele had not started for Mexico when the Alameda sailed from San Francisco. He was then nursing a bad cold contracted on the steamship. Writing to Wray Taylor under date of April 18, he said he was making an effort to get a quantity of sphagnum moss to send here to be used in packing plants for shipment. He was unable to make a levy on any considerable quantity owing to the fact that California ranchers are using it as a shipment packing for asparagus.

Secretary Root has ordered a searching investigation into the charges of cruelty on the part of American troops in the Philippines.

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